

ON THE NAVAL BILL

Consideration of Estimates Resumed by the House.

SENATE MEETS EARLY

QUAY STATEHOOD RESOLUTION GOES OVER UNTIL TOMORROW.

Conference Report on the Legislative Bill Adopted—Executive Session on Canal Treaty.

Without preliminary business the House today proceeded with the consideration of the naval appropriation bill.

When the House adjourned yesterday the paragraph relating to the increase of the personnel of the navy had been reached. It was defeated, to provide that the graduates of state nautical schools standing highest in their classes should be appointed midshipmen.

An amendment was offered by Mr. Perkins (N. Y.) to make volunteer officers who served in the Marine Corps during the war with Spain eligible to appointment as cadets in the Marine Corps staff. He said there were but two officers who would be eligible under this amendment. It was lost.

An amendment was adopted giving members of the House who are not members of the Senate the privilege of immediately appointing to fill such vacancies.

Mr. Kitchen (C.) offered an amendment to limit the increase of midshipmen to be appointed to two for each senator and representative between now and 1911. It was lost.

Mr. Fitzgerald (N. Y.) moved to increase the number of chaplains from twenty-four to thirty-four. His motion was lost.

Expulsion for Hazing.

Mr. Dick (Ohio) offered an amendment, which was adopted, to provide for the summary expulsion of a naval cadet found guilty of hazing.

SENATE.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock today. Bills were passed authorizing the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to construct a bridge across the Allegheny river near Aspinwall, Pa.; authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to issue a patent to the city of Buffalo, Wyo., for certain tracts of land; to refer to the court of claims the claim of the city of Buffalo, Wyo., for the construction of the Ironclad monitor Turbis.

The Quay resolution declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that a vote on the statehood bill be taken prior to March 2, went over until tomorrow.

A House bill was passed providing for the payment of claims of citizens of Virginia for damages to their property incident to the emancipation at Manassas and the march from Camp Alder to the Potomac, Va., during the war with Spain.

These bills also were passed amending the pension laws applying to remarried widows; authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Tennessee river between Lewis Bluff and Camp Alger; and the conference report on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill.

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CUT ELECTRIC WIRES

NOVEL WAY OF STOPPING DEBATE ON BILL.

Riot Almost Precipitated in Montana Senate Chamber—Janitor Caught in Act.

HELENA, Mont., February 19.—A most exciting scene occurred in the senate chamber last night and a riot was almost precipitated when some one cut the electric wire leading into the capitol building for the purpose, it is charged, of stopping debate on a bill under discussion.

After the break had been repaired, Senator Kennedy charged the janitor, who, it is said, was caught in the act, had been ordered to cut the wires by senators favoring the bill.

To Prevent a Vote.

The senate was in committee of the whole and had under discussion a bill providing for a change of venue in civil cases. This bill, which is said to have a good majority in the senate, has been bitterly fought by the Heinz people.

To prevent a vote being taken Senators Kennedy and Towey, Heinz loaders, asserted that they would occupy all night, and from 4 o'clock in the afternoon till 2 o'clock this morning they alternated on the floor.

At 2 o'clock the senate adjourned.

ANXIETY FOR THE ALEXANDER.

Naval Collier Has Been Helplessly Adrift for Ten Days.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE EVENING STAR. PORTSMOUTH, Va., February 19.—The collier Alexander, which was sent to sea for the safety of the collier Alexander, which is long overdue.

Capt. Gove is well known here, having been master of the yard's vessels for years. His wife lives in Norfolk, and the suspense and anxiety are telling upon her.

The Alexander has been adrift at sea for nearly ten days.

The Navy department rests easy in the belief that she is in the track of the shipping and will be towed in speedily.

There is enough to eat aboard and the ship can make her own fresh water with her condensers, but the injury to her rudder, it is feared, will cause her to fare badly in a storm.

It is probable that the tail of the terrific blow of Monday night struck her, but, with the sail Capt. Gove had made before Officer Adams left the ship, it is believed she could weather the blow.

The navy people at this yard try to take the most cheerful view of the matter. The officers and crew are confident that the vessel will be sent to join in the search.

BARON WOUNDED IN DUEL.

Refused to Allow Age to Stand in Way of Accepting Challenge.

BUDAPEST, February 19.—A duel with swords was fought today between Baron Fejervary, minister of national defense, and Deputy Lengyel, as a result of the dispute on the march from Camp Alder to the Potomac, Va., during the war with Spain.

Baron Fejervary was slightly wounded three times in the right hand. The baron, who is over seventy years old, declined to refuse to accept the challenge on the score of his age.

IN WESTERN MARYLAND.

Ten Below Zero in Some Places and Much Suffering Results.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE EVENING STAR. HAGERSTOWN, Md., February 19.—Reports from the mountain districts indicate that the temperature went down to 10 degrees below zero in some parts of western Maryland this morning.

The latest registered in Hagerstown was 4 degrees below. Many thermometers registered zero. Last night was the coldest in a number of years.

As a result of the intense cold there is much suffering, many families being without sufficient fuel to keep them warm.

The roads are drifted shut, and in a number of places men put to work to shovel open the drifts were compelled to stop on account of the cold.

DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND.

Annual Encampment Grand Army of Republic at Hagerstown.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE EVENING STAR. HAGERSTOWN, Md., February 19.—The annual encampment of the Department of Maryland, G. A. R., opened in Junior Hall this afternoon and will continue in session until tomorrow evening.

Department Commander John W. Worth of Baltimore is the presiding officer.

At the annual election tomorrow the indications point to the selection of Capt. William Staple of Wilson Post, Baltimore, as department commander.

So far as known he is the only available candidate for the office. The session this afternoon was taken up with the consideration of reports and appointment of committees.

BULL DOGS FOR CRIMINALS.

Virginia Senate Considers Bill to Aid Sheriffs.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE EVENING STAR. RICHMOND, Va., February 19.—The senate was engaged today for half an hour in considering a bill to provide for the raising of bloodhounds to be used by the sheriffs in tracking persons charged with crime.

The bill was advocated by Senator Hobbs, its patron. Senator Ople of Staunton favored an amendment to include bulldogs, saying the bloodhounds could catch criminals, but bulldogs were necessary to hold them. The bill was engrossed.

BUT LITTLE MORE COLD

WEATHER BUREAU PREDICTS EARLY RISE IN TEMPERATURE.

Encouraging Reports Given Out This Afternoon—Violations of the Snow Law.

The reign of the storm king and old Boreas is at last coming to a close, and within the next twenty-four hours both will abate in favor of old Sol. This prediction is based upon reports from the weather bureau late this afternoon. At 8 o'clock this morning the mercury registered 10 degrees above zero, one degree higher than it was yesterday morning. Although this was encouraging, the slight difference was imperceptible, and many declared that it was even colder this morning.

The weather will continue to be fair, with a gradually rising temperature from today and on. Mr. Moore of the weather bureau can foretell there will be no more severe weather for several days at least.

At 8 o'clock tomorrow morning the mercury will in all probability register 10 degrees above zero, with a continued rise during the day.

Car Service but Little Impeded.

The street car service of the city was but little impeded by the ice in the streets today, and the schedule of all the lines was maintained. The cars had many mishaps yesterday and last evening as a result of the ice. A plow of one of the motor cars of the F street line burnt out today.

The Baltimore and Annapolis electric line, which was supposed to be the sole obstructor of the pending proceedings for ratification of the Panama canal treaty, was today, however, Senator Quay took the floor, his desk loaded with a formidable pile of documents, and began his filibustering by having the clerk read the constitution of Colombia.

A new turn was given affairs in the Senate today in connection with the Panama canal treaty, which at this writing confronts the republican managers.

When the Senate went into executive session today, meeting an hour earlier than usual, it was supposed that Senator Morgan would continue his speech against the treaty, and would be the sole obstructor of the pending proceedings for ratification of the Panama canal treaty.

Victim of Sharp Practice.

It is said that Senator Quay claimed in conversation with his colleagues that he felt himself the victim of sharp practice in the caucus last Tuesday night, when he agreed to withhold the statehood bill in order that the Panama treaty might be pushed.

He claimed that he entered into the agreement to withhold the statehood bill in order that the Panama treaty might be pushed, and that he was misled by the republican managers.

Senator Quay's change of front was a complete surprise to the republican managers and caused a number of earnest conversations to be held at once. In the meantime the clerk droned out the uninteresting details of the Colombian constitution, and the picture of contentment and gratification at the prospect of the redoubtable Pennsylvania senator coming to his aid.

THE FIRST QUESTION the republican managers desire to clear up is to what extent the statehood bill can be pushed.

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PRES. CASTRO'S REQUEST

WANTS THE USE OF THE GUN-BOAT MARIETTA.

By No Means Certain That Minister Bowen Will Go to The Hague to Represent Venezuela.

President Castro, through the United States charge at Caracas, Mr. Russell, has presented a request to the Washington government that it permit the United States gunboat Marietta to convey the officers and men who are to man the Venezuelan craft, captured by the blockading fleet, from La Guaira to Trinidad.

The German government has officially announced to the various governments of the world, including that of the United States, the raising of the blockade at Maracaibo and Puerto Cabello.

It is not certain that Mr. Herbert W. Bowen, the United States minister to Venezuela, will go to The Hague in connection with the movement to have the tribunal determine whether or not the European allied governments, which maintained a blockade of Venezuelan ports, shall have preferential treatment in the payment of the claims of their citizens against Venezuela.

Bowen's pleasure in the matter was consulted the likelihood is that he would participate in the proceedings before The Hague tribunal, but he is not willing to resign his position as minister to Venezuela for that purpose, and the rules of the State Department prohibit the granting of more than sixty days leave of absence in any one year to diplomatic officers.

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AFFECTS COAL OUTPUT

STORM DELAYS SENDING OF CARS TO THE MINES.

Blizzard Has Spent Its Force.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., February 19.—Zero weather continued today, and there was a further restriction in the output of coal owing to the blizzard of last night sweeping the snow into huge drifts.

This delays the sending of cars to the mines and has prevented many of the workers from reaching the collieries.

NEW YORK, February 19.—The cold wave which followed the snow storm of the first part of this week brought the coldest weather New York city has experienced in four years.

At 8 o'clock the weather bureau reported that its thermometer registered a temperature of 2 degrees above zero, the lowest recorded since February, 1890.

CLEVELAND, February 19.—The official thermometer at the local weather bureau here registered 5 below zero early today, while instruments down on the street level in many cases indicated from 6 to 8 below.

Fifty-Two Miles an Hour.

A fifty-two mile an hour gale last night, combined with the extremely low temperature, caused much suffering. The railroads continue to be hampered by the weather conditions, nearly all through trains being late.

The west-bound Chicago and Boston special on the Lake Shore was reported five hours late today.

CHICAGO, February 19.—The severely cold wave which has held the west and northwest in its grasp during the past two days is broken, according to reports received here today. While cold the weather is not severe.

In Chicago this morning the temperature was 15 above, while Kansas City, Omaha, St. Louis and other cities reported rises of from 12 to 24 degrees. The forecast was for moderating temperature.

Pope's Jubilee.

ROME, February 19.—The pope's jubilee, or the twenty-fifth anniversary of his election, tomorrow will be ushered in by a high mass in the basilica, celebrated by Cardinal Rampolla. Later the pontiff will receive the cardinals and other dignitaries, who will present him with a gold tiara, the jubilee present of the Catholic world, which cost \$200,000.

The evening, and there will be a procession of all the Catholic associations.

WILL OF COL. BOYD.

Heirs Unite in Agreement to Have It Probated.

The will of Col. Robert Boyd, dated February 16, 1901, was filed this afternoon for probate. Bequests as follows are made: To his son, Frank Boyd, \$100,000; to his daughter, all his other jewelry and wearing apparel.

To his unmarried daughters, Mary E. Boyd, Helen Boyd, Alice Boyd and Jane Boyd, all furniture and household effects, they to hold the same each for the other so long as they or any one of them remain unmarried. Should any of them marry the property in question is to remain in the possession of the remaining unmarried child or children so long as she or they remain unmarried.

In the event of all of them marrying, the property is to be equally and equitably divided among all six daughters of the testator, namely, Elizabeth